STATE BOARD MEETING DATE September 25, 2006

SUBJECT: Proposed amendments to A.A.C. R7-2-302.05 and R7-2-302.06, relating to AIMS

augmentation

SUBMITTED BY: Vince Yanez

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: September 5, 2006

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Last year the Legislature amended A.R.S. § 15-701.02. This amendment allowed pupils who failed to achieve a passing score on any section of the AIMS assessment to augment their earned score with additional credit derived from course grades of C or better. The specific formula schools are required to use was developed by the State Board of Education and is articulated in A.A.C. R7-2-302.05 and R7-2-302.06. In developing these rules the Board determined that only those courses that are specifically required, pursuant to A.A.C. R7-2-302, would be eligible for additional credit. This resulted in limiting eligible courses to those that satisfied 11 ½ of the total twenty credits required for graduation. The additional 8 ½ credits are elective courses that are left to the discretion of local governing boards.

During the most recent session the Legislature amended the relevant statute, permitting students to augment their AIMS scores with points derived from all 20 credits. The proposed rules would accommodate this mandate.

As directed by the Board, a public hearing was held regarding these proposed rules on September 19, 2006. No comment was received.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That the Board close the rulemaking record and adopt proposed rules R7-2-302.05 and R7-2-302.06, relating to AIMS augmentation

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO[]